



City of Seattle Department of Transportation

# TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

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# Presentation Overview

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# TMP Goals

- Make riding transit easier and more desirable, to bring more people to transit for more types of trips
- Create a system that responds to everyone's needs, especially those who rely on transit most
- Create great places where modes connect to integrate the pedestrian, bicycle, and transit networks
- Use transit as a tool to meet sustainability, growth management, and economic development goals
- Balance system implementation with fiscal, operational, and policy constraints

# Project History

## Phase 1

Sept 2010 - Jan 2011

- Vision and goals
- Evaluation framework
- Market analysis, best practices
- Briefing Book
- Active advisory groups

## Phase 2

Feb – Dec 2011

- Identify and prioritize corridors
- Modes and alignment alternatives
- Implementation plans and policies
- Release Draft Summary Report
- Open houses and briefings

# TMP Overview

## TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

### GOALS

Meet Sustainability, Growth Management, and Economic Goals

Make it Easier and More Desirable to Take Transit

Respond to Needs of Vulnerable Populations

Create Great Places Where Modes Connect

Advance Implementation within Constraints

### TMP ELEMENTS

#### POLICIES & PROGRAMS

#### CORRIDORS

#### SERVICE

#### PLACES: Access & Connections

#### FUNDING & PERFORMANCE MONITORING

### POLICIES & INVESTMENTS

- Policy Framework
- Program Recommendations

- Long Range Transit Vision
- High Capacity Transit
- Priority Bus
- Center City

#### Frequent Transit Network Local Transit Network

- Design
- Restructuring
- Monitoring

- Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods
- Transit Facility Design
- Intermodal Connections
- Mobility Corridors

- Investment Framework
- Funding Opportunities
- Operating Subsidy
- Monitoring

# Priority Corridors

## Bus priority

## High capacity transit





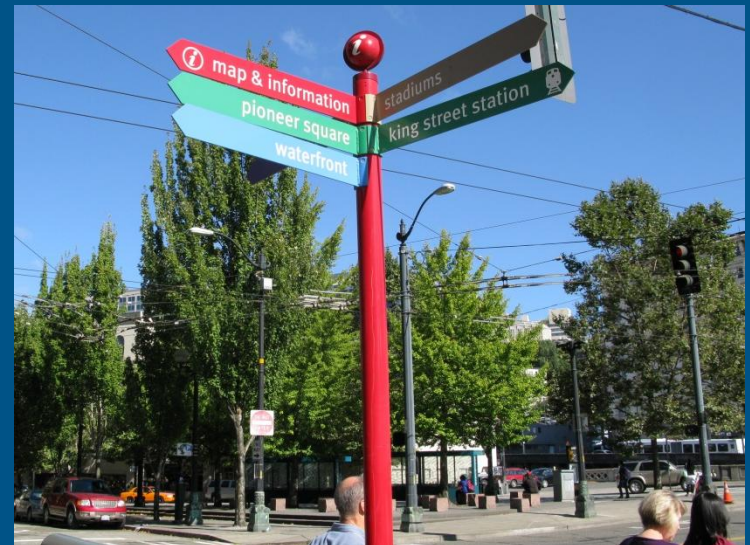
# Draft Plan Public Outreach (Fall 2011)

- 5 citywide open houses (100 attendees)
- “Transform Seattle” meeting (over 160 attendees)
- 10 stakeholder briefings
- Online presence – project website, neighborhood blogs, advertising



# Key Public Comments

- Support for plan goals
- Confusion re: City's transit role
- Support for connecting neighborhoods
- Concerns re: bike and freight integration with transit
- Strong support for transit access design guidelines, coordinated wayfinding, and placemaking





# Key Agency Comments



- Strong support for TMP goals and strategies
- Need for coordination with transit agencies and border cities



- Project implementation requires careful design, engineering, and community process

# Changes in Final Plan

## New section to outline Priority Strategies:

- Continue implementing priority bus corridors
- Develop Center City transit
- Plan, fund, and build priority high capacity transit
- Enhance walk-bike-ride access
- Improve transit system legibility
- Pursue funding

# Changes in Final Plan

## New section to summarize Benefits of Transit:

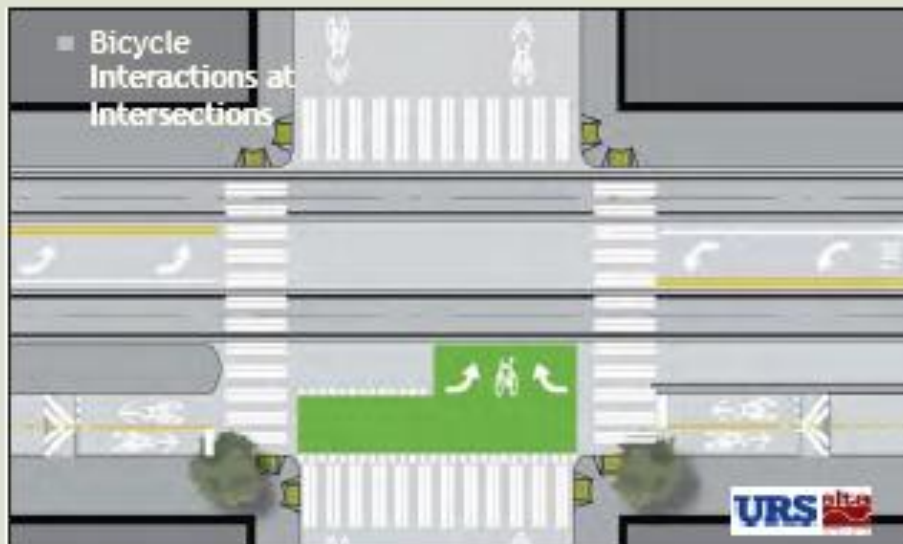
- Provides mobility for a growing number of residents and employees
- Supports public health and environment
- Increases affordability
- Supports Center City growth and prosperity
- Boosts economy and creates jobs
- Makes Seattle a better place to visit
- Encourages compact development

# Changes to Final Plan

Greater emphasis on design and engineering of transit/bike corridors

## Seattle First Hill Streetcar Proposed/Conceptual Design

In Seattle, a two-way cycle track along Broadway (below) is the proposed bicycle facility design for the First Hill Streetcar, which will connect First Hill, Capitol Hill, the International District, and Pioneer Square. The design includes bike boxes (shown in green) to facilitate safe turns.



A cycle track is the proposed bicycle facility for the First Hill Streetcar project.

Source: URS; Alta Planning

# Next Steps

## Final plan adoption:

- Finalize legislation
- Full Council adopts plan

## Current implementation efforts:

- Continue work on bus priority corridors
- Continue Center City alternatives analysis with Federal Transit Administration
- Pursue grant funding



# Comments/Questions?



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